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SUBJECT: HOSPITAL PROJECTS IN AUSTRALIA.

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1. L.E. PYKE, CHAIRMAN OF COSTAIN (AUSTRALIA), 147 EASTERN ROAD, SOUTH MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3207, IS UNAWARE OF ANY COSTAIN-THOMAS JOINT VENTURE TO BID ON HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION IN AUSTRALIA. CHECK BY PYKE WITH COSTAIN HEAD OFFICE (LONDON) REVEALED THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN LONDON REGARDING COOPERATION WITH THOMAS ON HOSPITAL PROJECTS IN NIGERIA, BUT NOT AUSTRALIA.

2. POST CONTACTED SEVERAL VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AS WELL AS SOURCES IN MEDICAL FIELD, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON PROPOSED HOSPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN REFAIR LIST. OTHER THAN #9, GENERAL HOSPITAL ESSENDON, WHICH IS IN THE DESIGN STAGE, AND #14, MAROONDAH HOSPITAL, WHICH IS BEING COMPLETED, ALL OTHER HOSPITAL PROJECTS APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED ONLY PRELIMINARY PLANNING STAGES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE PRACTICAL REQUIREMENT FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON AUSTRALIAN
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HOSPITAL PROJECTS TO HAVE AN ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE,

POST SUGGESTS THAT A THOMAS LINK WITH COSTAIN, OR
ANOTHER COMPARABLE FIRM WITH A LOCALLY BASED AFFILIATE,
IS A VIRTUAL NECESSITY.
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